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This paper presents an examination of the status, aspirations and some of the myths surrounding the college and university campus student press. Chapters one and two concern the mythmakers and the myth of independence. Chapter three covers assorted myths concerning saving money, selling subscriptions, incorporation, publishers, libel, censorship, journalism education, and antagonistic administrations. Chapter four reviews the approach to student publications by Tufts College, a set of guidelines for college student publications, and generalizations that give advice for any university in its student publications program. The fifth chapter lists 100 court cases concerning the student press. (MJM)

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## The Mythmakers

Myth-making and myth-makers have surrounded the campus student press throughout the past decade. The myth-makers are mostly educators or professional journalists who happen by the campus press world, take a quick and superficial look, and then write a sonorous tome, tuned somewhat to Jeffersonian accompaniments. Occasionally, they are joined by student journalists or even a few advisers who love to parade something they call "Independence" before the world. The myths they spin have a sophomoric overcast.

The initial reports were largely small items tucked into such publications as *Editor and Publisher* reporting that some campus newspapers had become "Independent" of their host universities.

Publications advisers with considerable knowledge of these campuses, chuckled at the misinformation briefly and ignored the little reports. But a plethora of myths and myth-makers changed all of that.

In 1971, the National Council of College Publications Advisers appointed a special ad hoc research committee to evaluate the legal status of the campus press. Much of the data this committee has collected refutes the myths that have been recently stirred around. A look at some of the myths and their perpetrators can outline the dimensions of a possible dilemma university administrators can be waltzed into.

In 1966, the National Council of College Publications Advisers authorized Dr. Dario Politella, its president, to conduct a two-year study of the state of college student publications in America. Politella assembled a commission on the Freedoms and Responsibilities of the College Student Press in America to approach this study. The study used the 15-member commission, a survey of 72 colleges, and correspondence, conversations, and visits to campuses by Politella.

He produced a set of guidelines which became the basis of a fullsome report published by *Seminar* quarterly as a full-length supplement in December 1969. His guidelines were:

1. A student press that is relevant to its campus makes service its ideal purpose.
2. A self-regulated student press is a free student press.
3. A responsible student press should reasonably be expected to maintain a level of professional performance and ethics pertinent to its purpose and restricted by its resources.
4. Financial independence is a cornerstone of true freedom and responsibility of the student press.
5. The role of the student press adviser is to help students to transfer their theories to practice.
6. The free student press is free to all who have something worth saying.

In these guidelines, Politella did not recommend that activity money be cut off from student publications, but that such allocations be considered legitimate circulations income. Although Politella writes with charm and verve, his guidelines have never been adopted by NCCPA or any other agency. Unfortunately, some of the myth-makers use distortions of Politella's report as a basis for their attacks on the campus press.

Typical of the tuck-in myth-makers is the tail-end of an *Editor and Publisher* article published March 3, 1973. The article reports that the *Stanford Daily* has gone independent almost and that its editor was no longer afraid of censorship or fee cut-offs by the student government. Then *Editor and Publisher* enlarges the myth with:

Student newspapers which have reorganized on an independent basis in recent years include the *Daily Californian* at Berkeley, the University of Kentucky Kernel, the University of Oregon Daily Emerald, and the Florida State Flambeau.

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Six months earlier Fred M. Hechinger was myth-making in the *New York Times*. He reports that the *Stanford Daily* "was becoming independent rather than, as in the past, a part of the university structure. It thus joined independently operated student papers such as *The Harvard Crimson*, the *Cornell Daily Sun*, *The Yale Daily News*, *The Daily Californian* at Berkeley and several others that are immune from administrative or faculty supervision." (2)

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Creech apparently is maintaining an interest in the student press. *Editor and Publisher* reported in its October issue that Atlantic University at Boca Raton had a tussle between the press and the administration. Here's what happened:

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Sorenson listed other "independent" papers as the *Alligator* of the University of Florida, the *Daily Oregonian*, the *Daily at Stanford*, the *Traveler* of the University of Oregon, the *Spectator* of Columbia University, the *Crimson* of the University of Michigan, the *Daily of Michigan University*. Sorenson almost everywhere raising several questions and cautions about the independence of these papers. Actually only one of his nine papers has a strong claim to independence.

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Although Hechinger's myth cautions with the hazard of bankruptcy, it is replete with these speculative advantages for supposed independency:

1. The independent paper must earn the confidence and support of its readers and is therefore under constraint to be more professional in its approach.
2. Independence makes efficient operations essential to survival, and also makes student journalism a better training ground for news media careers.
3. Without the university as a protecting shield, student editors are more aware of the danger of libel.
4. The independent student paper tends to enjoy greater credibility among students who do not suspect it of being a public relations tool of the administration. (3)

Mr. Hechinger cites no evidence or examples to verify these statements so they must stand only as his opinions.

At a point further back in time Noel Greenwood, a *Los Angeles Times* reporter, and the headline writer for *Quill* magazine, built a sweet myth when reporting the independence of the *Daily Californian* at Berkeley. (3) Greenwood played the illusion of independence, while the headline writer suggested others would follow the lead of that perennial trend-setter, California. Apparently California has not been much of a trend setter according to data in chapter two. The myth flew on the wings of the LA Times-Washington Post News Service to its newspaper subscribers.

Perry Sorenson reported to the *National Observer* that a roomful of myth-makers met in Washington to talk independence for the campus press. He suggests that college presidents can escape embarrassment by merely kicking student papers into an "independence" limbo. Considerable glee is reflected in these aphs.

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Back in myth-makers is the tail-end of an Editor and Publisher article, March 3, 1973. The article reports that the Stanford Daily has gone bankrupt and that its editor was no longer afraid of censorship or feeble government. Then Editor and Publisher enlarges the myth.

Papers which have reorganized on an independent basis include the Daily Californian at Berkeley, the University of Oregon Daily Emerald, and the Flambeau.

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Independent paper must earn the confidence and support of its readers; therefore under constraint to be more professional in its reporting.

Independent journalism makes efficient operations essential to survival, and independent journalism a better training ground for news media.

Independent university as a protecting shield, student editors are more secure from charges of libel.

Independent student paper tends to enjoy greater credibility with those who do not suspect it of being a public relations tool of the university. (3)

There is no evidence or examples to verify these statements so they are mere opinions.

Back in time Noel Greenwood, a Los Angeles Times reporter, editor for Quill magazine, built a sweet myth when reporting the Daily Californian at Berkeley. (3) Greenwood played the illusion, while the headline writer suggested others would follow the annual trend-setter, California. Apparently California has not yet settled according to data in chapter two. The myth flew on the Times-Washington Post News Service to its newspaper subscribers.

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Crech apparently is maintaining an interesting track record with the campus press. Editor and Publisher reported in its October 13, 1973, issue that Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton had a tussle between Crech and the Atlantic Sun. Here's what happened:

In their first issue this semester the editors charged that the new president, Dr. Glenwood Crech, who came from the University of Kentucky, was stopping dissemination of sex education materials. The article was illustrated with a rear view picture of two nudes which appeared on the cover of an abortion brochure.

Dr. Crech denied the accuracy of the story and criticized the editors' judgment in printing the picture of nudes. He offered the New York Times and the Miami Herald as examples of better journalism, suggesting the students might emulate them.

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A booklet presenting the report was produced in the spring of 1973. The booklet gets off to a bad start since it simply does not identify the two authors other than giving their names.

Truly the title of the booklet should have been *Some Campus Newspapers and Some Unrelated Notions* instead of *The Campus Press: Freedom and Responsibility*.

Confidence in Duscha's research material is somewhat shaken by a page 6 statement reporting that the men who drafted the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States were not thinking about campus newspapers, "for so far as is known only one student newspaper existed at the time in Philadelphia." So it is startling to read on page 9 that "the first campus newspaper was established at Dartmouth College in 1839," about 50 years later.

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In discussions about the total booklet, Fischer took a retrospective look at its contents and prepared the following statement for the 1973 national convention of the National Council of College Publications Advisers in Chicago on November 1 to 3. Fischer said:

With regard to the legal status of the campus press as presented in my half of the recent AASCU publication, *The Campus Press: Freedom and Responsibility*, I want to make a few points absolutely clear. First, I do not advocate any particular form of student press, "independent" or otherwise. Realistically, not every college would want, or could afford, to separate its student press from institutional support and functions. I have attempted to indicate the form and legal status of several types of student publications without "advocating" any of them.

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Duscha believes colleges set up publication boards primarily to oversee the student press. (page 10) Actually the purpose of a publications board should be to help students produce reasonably good publications. If "oversee" means this, Duscha is correct; if "oversee" means "control," Duscha has painted a distorted picture of university motivations.

When Duscha attempts an explanation of what is expected of the campus press, he permeates his analysis with repressive viewpoints. He believes boards of trustees require that student publications reflect the board members' views of society and morality. He thinks presidents expect the campus press to speak well of administrators. He thinks student journalists are crusade oriented. Student readers, he reports, have ambivalent attitudes toward the editor's concept of the paper's purpose. (pages 11-12) (This probably means student readers really don't give a damn about the paper.) He believes faculty members expect the paper to protect their jobs. He believes the paper is a bulletin board. He believes journalism faculty want the paper to be a controlled laboratory tool. He thinks off-campus persons systematically read the paper to evaluate the university. He believes university critics use the paper as raw material for attacks on the university.

It may be true that some people might believe these things. But Duscha's report can stand merely as rhetoric since he nowhere presents any substantiating data to corroborate these rather sarcastic comments. Indeed, a longer discussion could be written reversing their thrust to propose a much more positive, understanding attitude wherein each of the groups mentioned above would enthusiastically support a free and uninhibited campus press. This report will deal with some such information later on.

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Thomas Fischer utilized the second half of the booklet to review laws touching on aspects of the campus press. His work could be helpful since he has accumula- ted a handy listing of some of the legal cases involving student publications. His task was somewhat confusing to him since the weight of his part of the booklet ne- gates virtually every contention that Duscha presents to extol the desirability of his "independent" campus press. By law every advantage and right proposed by Duscha for an "independent" press now belong to each and every campus student publication currently being published in the United States. If the first amendment doesn't make this clear the fourteenth one does.

Here are a series of statements made by Fischer that indicate the thesis fol- lowed by Duscha is invalid:

No substantial legal distinction between the status of the campus press and that of the press-at-large has been discovered in researching this issue. (pages 55-56) (Cases cited bear this out.)

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This could have been seen as an opportunity to strike a new beginning. Since the university seemingly must be host to an organism it cannot control, the reasonable expectation would be for a search to seek a new relationship that would be mutually enriching while still recognizing the essential adversary relationship between press and power.

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Against this background, a study of the campus press sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities might have been expected to strike new ground, to take that step that could lead to an exciting new relationship between university and newspaper.

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**Independence, like pregnancy, is one of the single-value terms in the language. Logically and actually, a person cannot be almost or even a little bit "independent" or "pregnant." Not many college students consider pregnancy as a desired state of affairs. But "independence" seems an intriguing and delightful prospect to students as well as to all others. Perhaps independence can be discussed in varying terms in different fields. As for the campus press, independence to be real would have to insist:**

1. The publication must be incorporated, but not as a non-profit, educational corporation.
2. The publication cannot receive student fee funds.
3. The publication cannot receive college or university subsidy, directly or indirectly.
4. The publication cannot use campus facilities or space.
5. The publication cannot enter into any publishing agreements with the university.
6. The publication cannot have a university adviser.
7. The university cannot pay debts or delay bankruptcy of the publication.
8. The university cannot supply technical assistance or advice.
9. The university cannot participate in the selection or dismissal of staff members—nor can it take disciplinary action against staff members.
10. The publication cannot have any relationship to any instructional program.
11. No university or college staff person can be on the board of directors of the publication.
12. There can be no stipulations of any kind in the incorporation charter which in any way relates the publication to the university or college.
13. Membership on the staff of the publication cannot be limited to or specify student status.
14. Readership cannot be confined primarily to students.
15. The name of the publication cannot contain the name of the college or university.
16. The publication cannot be accorded preferential distribution or sales arrangements by the university.
17. There must be no relationship between the publication and the student government.
18. Content of the publication cannot be confined to or dominated by university-related material.
19. No effort, overt or covert, can ever be made by any university person or agency to affect the content of the publication.
20. The university can in no way participate in any legal proceedings involving the publication.
21. The newspaper cannot qualify for a second-class educational mailing permit.

If a student newspaper, yearbook, magazine, or other publication can accurately report that it meets all of these stipulations, it probably can claim to be independent. Could a campus publication meet them? It is possible, but hardly any publication even tries. Perhaps the list seems far too demanding, but if "independence" means "independence" it is inescapable. If "independence" does not mean what the list specifies, then "independence" becomes a myth.

And such an "independence" myth is the stuff of the myth-makers and the uninformed.

In the NCCPA study of the legal status of the student press, a careful evaluation of the reported-repeated-suggested-thinking about-incorporated and so-called "Independent" press is made. Each campus newspaper and yearbook that had any claim of any kind of independence was checked to determine if that independence was real or only figurative.

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4. The **Daily Californian** can never own its name or the proprietary rights of that name.
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University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.—A worried University president recently was instrumental in setting up the *Florida Alligator* as an "independent" newspaper. (26) The paper had been bothersome to the University from a content standpoint for some time. The state attorney general has ruled that university presidents could neither censor newspapers nor be held liable for damaging statements in them. The *Alligator* has a circulation of 15,000 for 18,317 students. The presidents had had continuous confrontations with faculty, students, and student journalists. One fired an editor in 1966. In 1969 the American Association of University Professors described the University as repressive. The new President sought to control the paper's content. When he discovered he could not do so legally he solved his problem by imposing something called independence. (27)

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Denver University, Denver, Colo.—The **Denver Clarion** is a daily with a circulation of 9,000 for 9,119 students. The paper has rent-free housing and an \$18,000-a-year allocation from the University which exercises no controls on its content. The **Clarion** has enjoyed this status and system for many years. A visitor to the campus in 1962 found that the student editor didn't even know the name of the single journalism professor on the faculty. Chris Wood, a more recent and perceptive editor, dismissed a suggestion of financial independence as providing no benefits that the paper does not now have. (24)

Fortbonne College, St. Louis, Mo., reports that it has an independent newspaper which is not incorporated. Sometimes faculty members serve as advisers to the staff.

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.—The University president decided he could no longer serve as "Publisher" of the **Flambeau**. He celebrated his escape by taking away a \$92,000 annual student activity fee allocation. But the **Flambeau** is having great difficulty raising enough funds to sustain its \$200,000 annual operations. It started 1972-73 with a \$4,000 deficit. The University decided to help out with free space and facilities and a \$22,000 annual purchase of advertising. This buys a full page four days a week for an official University bulletin page. The copy is furnished by administrative officials. (25)

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.—A worried University president recently was instrumental in setting up the **Florida Alligator** as an "Independent" newspaper. (26) The paper had been bothersome to the University from a content standpoint for some time. The state attorney general has ruled that university presidents could neither censor newspapers nor be held liable for damaging statements in them. The **Alligator** has a circulation of 15,000 for 18,317 students. The presidents had had continuous confrontations with faculty, students, and student journalists. One fired an editor in 1966. In 1969 the American Association of University Professors described the University as repressive. The new President sought to control the paper's content. When he discovered he could not do so legally he solved his problem by imposing something called independence. (27)

Students at the University voted 8 to 1 to keep allocating funds to the paper. The imposed independence involves rental of \$217,000 worth of printing equipment used by the paper and the use of University space and facilities.

Under the Florida plan, the assistant manager of the Campus Shop and Bookstore serves as general manager and on the Board of Directors. The advertising manager is on the Board as is a professional journalist. The other four board members of the President's commission to design his plan became board of directors members for the new corporation. The President did not submit the plan to the University Senate. Members of the Student Senate condemned the President's move, marched on his home the night he announced the plan, to deliver a resolution of condemnation since his action "completely ignored the wishes of the student body." (28)

The **Florida Alligator** case is far from settled. Its financial future is indeed precarious. The president who was the nemesis of the paper is now departed from the campus; perhaps pleasanter and more intelligent plans and relationships can be developed.

Golden Gate College, San Francisco, Calif.—The student newspaper at Golden Gate College is considered independent of the College. It is not incorporated nor does it have a faculty adviser. However, it is funded through student fees and an editorial board serves as its publishers.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.—The **Harvard Crimson** always appears in articles as the best example of an independent college newspaper. It is a daily with a circulation of 4,000 for a University enrollment of 8,462. The **Crimson** and the yearbook are both incorporated as is a second newspaper published weekly (the **Harvard Independent**). These publications also serve Radcliffe College. The **Crimson** has been completely independent of the University since its beginnings. It has been financially strong enough to pay its editor handsomely and to maintain its own building and printing plant off campus. (29) Its board of directors consists of three alumni who were associated with the paper while students. (30)

University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.—The **Daily Illini** is an incorporated daily with a circulation of 12,500 for the University's 19,370 students. Both it and the yearbook are considered independent editorially from the University. Mr. Richard H. Sublette serves as publisher for the two publications. The Charter provisions of the **Illini Publishing Company** indicates these publications are not independent. In the provisions stating purpose of the company, these words clearly place that company as part of the University operation:

Subject to the general authority of the Chancellor of the University of Illinois, the purpose of this company shall be to publish and distribute student publications...." (31)

which eventually lost Journalism accreditation for Iowa. The tension between the paper and the Journalism program wavered between a strong association, the latter of which seems to have prevailed and a program has launched a re-structuring of its total operation to become accreditation.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—The University **Daily** is incorporated and publishes the daily newspaper circulating 12,232 students. The **Jayhawker** yearbook board is also incorporated newspaper nor the yearbook is considered independent of the University. Members of the Journalism faculty serve as advisers for the newspaper.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.—The **Kernel** Corporation incorporated a year ago to publish the daily newspaper with a circulation of 20,455 students. The yearbook is published by a board of students and is not considered to be independent of the University. For a long time both the newspaper and the yearbook were troublesome. A disillusioned administration was on the verge of dropping them but since the half million dollars contributed to the University by the yearbook its profits established at least a sentimental tie. The University has a publisher for these publications. This energetic official and the yearbook man who served as editor managed to incorporate the newspaper away from an annual \$40,000 student fee allocation to complete de-veritising income. A full-time professional advertising director assures adequate advertising income.

A series of articles have proclaimed and boasted about the independence of the Kentucky **Kernel** during the last two years. That independence is neither pure nor by any stretch of imagination.

First, the publisher who is general manager and editorial staff is a University official whose salary is paid for from University funds. Staff duties other than those associated with the newspaper; consequently, long, hard hours. Seven of the 13 members of the initial board of college officials. (32) The articles of incorporation require that the newspaper be transferred to the University to provide Journalism scholarships; if ever dissolved. The newspaper is located in the Journalism building where Journalism students can earn limited academic credit by working on it. Journalism faculty members are available to that staff for pleasant, professional advice. The paper had improved markedly during the last year or so due to the skill of Mike Wines, its editor, and the publisher, Mrs. Nancy G. Wines. The paper had exposed an athletic tutoring scandal which had been festering for some time.

The success of the **Kernel Press, Inc.**, is still not assured financially. It cannot be cited finally yet. So far it has become incorporated, cleared its debts, purchased typesetting equipment, and stabilized its advertising income to compensate for the withdrawal of student fees. Although the paper is praised for each of these achievements none of them or no combination of them constitutes an independent newspaper.

LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga.—The students at LaGrange College publish a newspaper and a yearbook, each of whose editors is considered independent of the College. The publications are considered to be independent of the College. Faculty advisers are provided. Neither publication is incorporated.

Los Angeles College of Optometry, Los Angeles, Calif.—A corporation publishes the newspaper and the yearbook are publishers of the publications which are considered independent of the college which provides the space. The publications are not incorporated.

University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, Portland, Maine.—The editor of the newspaper and yearbook at this branch campus serve as publishers. The publications are considered independent of the University which provides the space. The publications are not incorporated.

University of Maryland, College Park, Md.—Maryland Media publishes the student daily newspaper, a black bi-weekly newspaper, and a yearbook. This corporation was created by the University after a commission recommended incorporation.

Maryland Media is granted funds from student fees by the Student Activity Association. Two University faculty members are on its board of directors. It uses rent-free University space. The publications are edited independently and published by a responsible independent organization and must remain a part of the University community according to the charter provisions. (33)

Marymount Manhattan College, New York, N.Y.—Although the college serves as publisher of the student publications, Marymount College considers them to be independent of the College. (34) The publications are not incorporated.

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.—The **Michigan State Daily** is an incorporated daily newspaper with a circulation of 36,670 for the University's 43,888 students. A University official serves as publisher. The yearbook is a University publication whose publisher, a faculty member, approves its content prior to publication. Content of the newspaper is not considered independent of the University.



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San Francisco, Calif.—The student newspaper at Golden Gate is independent of the College. It is not incorporated. However, it is funded through student fees and its publishers.

Cambridge, Mass.—The Harvard Crimson always appears as an independent college newspaper. It is a daily for a University enrollment of 8,862. The Crimson is incorporated as is a second newspaper published (the Harvard Crimson). These publications also serve Radcliffe College. Completely independent of the University since its budget is strong enough to pay its editor handsomely and maintain a printing plant off campus. (29) Its board of directors were associated with the paper while students.

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University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—The University Daily Kansas Board is incorporated and publishes the daily newspaper circulating 19,000 copies for 21,232 students. The Jayhawker yearbook board is also incorporated. Neither the newspaper nor the yearbook is considered independent of the University. Members of the journalism faculty serve as advisers for the newspaper staff.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.—The Kernel Corporation was incorporated a year ago to publish the daily newspaper with a circulation of 11,000 for the 20,455 students. The yearbook is published by a board of student publications and is not considered to be independent of the University. For a period of time both the newspaper and the yearbook were troublesome performers; a disillusioned administration was on the verge of dropping them both. It hesitated since the half million dollars contributed to the University by the newspaper from its profits established at least a sentimental tie. The University hired a new publisher for these publications. This energetic official and the remarkable young man who served as editor managed to incorporate the newspaper, which eased away from an annual \$40,000 student fee allocation to complete dependence on advertising income. A full-time professional advertising director was employed to assure adequate advertising income.

A series of articles have proclaimed and boasted about the independent status of the Kentucky Kernel during the last two years. That independence is not complete nor pure by any stretch of imagination.

First, the publisher who is general manager and editorial staff adviser is a university official whose salary is paid for from University funds. She has university duties other than those associated with the newspaper; consequently, she works long, hard hours. Seven of the 13 members of the initial board of directors were college officials. (32) The articles of incorporation require that assets shall be transferred to the University to provide journalism scholarships if the newspaper is ever dissolved. The newspaper is located in the journalism building; journalism students can earn limited academic credit by working on its staff, and journalism faculty members are available to that staff for pleasant, informal advice. The paper had improved markedly during the last year or so due largely to the skill of Mike Wines, its editor, and the publisher, Mrs. Nancy Green. It recently exposed an athletic tutoring scandal which had been festering at the University for some time.

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University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, Portland, Maine—Student editors of the newspaper and yearbook at this branch campus serve as publishers for publications considered independent of the University which provides no faculty advisers. The publications are not incorporated.

University of Maryland, College Park, Md.—Maryland Media, Inc., publishes the student daily newspaper, a black bi-weekly newspaper, a magazine, and yearbook. This corporation was created by the University after a nine-member commission recommended incorporation.

Maryland Media is granted funds from student fees by the Student Government Association. Two University faculty members are on its board of directors by charter provisions. It uses rent-free University space. The publications, although edited independently and published by a responsible independent publisher, are and must remain a part of the University community according to the board of regents. (33)

Marymount Manhattan College, New York, N.Y.—Although no agency or person serves as publisher of the student publications, Marymount Manhattan College considers them to be independent of the College. (34) The publications are not incorporated.

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan State News is an incorporated daily newspaper with a circulation of 36,675 for the University's 43,888 students. A University official serves as publisher. The Wolverine yearbook is a University publication whose publisher, a faculty member, approves its content prior to publication. Content of the newspaper does not undergo



prior approval since it is independent of the University as far as content is concerned.

Article six of the Academic Freedom Report for Students at Michigan State University defines student publications as publications in which students have been involved in writing, publishing, and distributing and includes publications of student living units, governing groups, student organizations, and other student groups. Students are assured maximum freedom of expression and ideas in such publications. Administrative units also may authorize funds for and assume sponsorship of publications germane to the administrative unit. The Wolverine yearbook and other such publications are designated as University Publications. Full freedom of content and editorial policy is guaranteed to all such publications subject only to the advice and counsel of the administrator or administrative unit. Circulation and subscription sales are rigidly regulated. (35)

33. Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich.—The Michigan Daily produces 10,000 copies for the University's 36,507 students. It and the yearbook are published by a Board for Student Publications which includes faculty members in its membership.

In the Code of Ethics (36) statement of the Daily, which every staff member is admonished to read and understand, the "independence" of the paper becomes quite unclear. The preamble indicates "As a newspaper published by the university of Michigan it is incumbent upon the Daily always to have at heart the interests of the University, and to refrain from any such action as may compromise the University in the eyes of the Legislature. The code for the Michigan Daily prescribes:

1. The editorial page shall not reflect one point of view to the exclusion of all others.
2. Editorials badly written, in poor taste, or based on faulty thinking will be denied publication.
3. Racial or religious bias cannot be in editorials.
4. Political discussion shall be confined specifically to issues and shall never embrace personal attacks on political figures.
5. The Daily will not take sides in elections to the Board of Regents.
6. There shall be no discussion of state appropriations to the University without previous editorial consultation with members of the Board in Control of Student Publications.
7. Members of the staff are to seek advice and assistance from faculty members throughout the campus.
8. All interviews with faculty members shall be checked with the interviewee either personally or by phone before they are published.
9. Reports of University lectures shall whenever possible, be checked with the head of the department sponsoring the particular lecture.
10. Sex crimes shall not be discussed in news or editorial columns.
11. Violent crimes, except of immediate local interest, shall not be discussed.
12. Suicides of alumni shall not be reported, except if they occur in the immediate vicinity, in which case they shall be dealt with with extreme care.
13. Crimes involving students or faculty shall not be reported without first notifying the proper University authorities.
14. News items of a pornographic nature shall have no place in the Daily.

In a practical sense, student staff members generally ignore these prohibitions written in 1940 because they are journalistically ludicrous; consequently, the Board is frequently in session to look into matters.

Michael Raddock, vice-president for university relations, reports that the public doesn't really consider the Daily as being independent of the University. "I've got plenty of letters to prove it," he says. (37)

Despite the above data, the Michigan Daily is frequently pointed to as an example of an "independent" newspaper.

The newspaper has been strong financially. Its building was paid for from yearbook and newspaper profits and it pays for utilities. Even so it frequently has a sizable profit each year.

New York University, New York City, N.Y.—New York University is a private university of 42,000 students in 16 schools and colleges. The Washington Square Center has three publications which fall in the newspaper category: Washington Square Journal, which is the sports, news, and features paper with a circulation of 20,000. Cold Duck is a weekly "new journalism" paper which deals with the arts, long political columns, humor and which also uses New York Magazine syndicate service features (circulation 10,000). Commentator is the School of Law weekly, which deals with intraschool matters and the social action programs of the law school.

The administration of the University considers the editorial boards of the newspapers to be the agency publishing them. The papers use phrases like "published by the students of N.Y.U."; for would be a more accurate word than "by."

North Carolina Central College—The Campus Echo had its university funds cut off. It became defunct, but a recent court decision restored its funds. (38)

Northland College, Ashland, Wis.—All campus communications media are under the total control of the Northland College Council.

pointed by the University president and three students. The president-treasurer of the board must meet with the president of the University and other reports required. The Board selects editors and business managers and may dismiss them for cause. The Board determines members. (40)

The Constitution and bylaws of the Students Publications Board must be approved by the Student Senate.

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.—The Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. Company, Inc., publishes a daily newspaper with a circulation of 10,000. The Board of Directors of Student Publications determines whether the yearbook or the newspaper is considered independent. Journalism faculty members serve as advisers and the Journalism faculty is publisher. Five university officials are on the board of directors of the company. (41)

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.—The University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. Inc., publishes 10,000 copies of a daily newspaper. The board of directors includes three faculty members appointed by the student body president and one student appointed by the student body president as business manager of the paper. (42) Each year the student government for bulk subscriptions of the newspaper must be contracted with the Journalism faculty.

The Daily Emerald is frequently cited as an example of an independent newspaper, but it obviously is very dependent on annual dues from a board dominated by representatives of student organizations.

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. publishes 15,500 copies of a daily newspaper for a circulation of 15,500. The yearbook is a chartered student organization. As a matter of fact, an administrative office must approve the yearbook prior to publication. The newspaper has no office space and the UNIVERSITY BUYS SUBSCRIPTIONS. It does not have to obtain a student organization charter. Faculty and students are members of the corporation. The constitution is currently under revision.

Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.—The Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. Company, Inc., publishes 2,900 copies of a daily newspaper for a circulation of 5,241 students. The yearbook is sponsored by the Princeton tradition of a free press for students and faculty member is on the board of directors.

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.—The Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. publishes a daily newspaper. This view grew out of the fact that the yearbook was badly handled by those officials. The yearbook has deteriorated badly during the last several years. It has bought an offset press from the University Foundation building. Its fortunes are at low ebb now. The yearbook is trying to find a buyer for the press who will buy it. Press runs have diminished to about 2,500 copies per year.

Queens College of the City University of New York, New York City, N.Y.—The Queens College of the City University of New York, New York City, N.Y. publishes a daily newspaper. A second newspaper is published by Student Press, Inc. Both are considered independent; however, faculty members and administrators are on the board of directors.

Saint Leo College, Saint Leo, Fla.—The Saint Leo College, Saint Leo, Fla. publishes a daily newspaper. The yearbook is independent of the college to a great extent as is the newspaper.

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.—The Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. publishes a daily newspaper. The yearbook is independent of the college but the yearbook has a content prior to publication.

Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Md.—The Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Md. publishes a daily newspaper. The yearbook is independent of the college.

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D.—The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. publishes a daily newspaper. The yearbook is published by an incorporated Student Publications Board. The laws of this board indicate that the principal office of the board is the Journalism faculty. The board members include two student members, a student appointed by the head of the Journalism faculty, and a student appointed by the head of the Journalism faculty. A Journalism faculty member is an ex-officio member and serves as adviser for the newspaper and yearbook.

Student publications can be assigned to the Journalism faculty association president and by university officials. The board appoints and dismisses members.

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**Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.—The Exponent publishes 6,000 copies in a University with 26,199 students. Occasionally, it is cited as an example of an independent newspaper. This view grew out of a clash with the administration which was badly handled by those officials. The Exponent which has a strong tradition has deteriorated badly during the last several years. It borrowed money to buy an offset press from the University Foundation. It is located in the Student Union building. Its fortunes are at low ebb now. Unable to make payments on the press it is trying to find a buyer for the press who would be willing to print the paper. Press runs have diminished to about 2,500 copies.**

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Interviews with faculty members shall be checked with the interviewee either in person or by phone before they are published.

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### Myth Of Saving Money

Money is tight on the campus. Budgets are being squeezed. Appropriations are down. Donors are fleeing. Enrollments are dwindling. Inflation is cruel. An anti-intellectualism is selling the belief that one or two years of technical or vocational post-high school study is the ultimate for most young people in contemporary society. Bruises are healing well from the days of violent campus demonstrations but the memory still is a frightening specter. And the underground press, with its romantically incorrect name, simply has run out of steam for the time being.

College administrators and board members look at shrinking funds, piled in smaller budget piles. They take a bit from here and there to bolster the crises and urgencies every month brings.

They remember the attacks made on the campus standard press and begin to attach credulity to that attack. Some believe students really don't want a campus newspaper, or yearbook, or magazine. This is an astonishing conclusion, especially to be made by a college president who makes speeches about the need for communications on the campus, in the nation, and around the world.

But greedy eyes say—take some or all of the money away from the student publications which aren't very important, or very popular, or always carried an implied threat anyhow. That money can be used better elsewhere.

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The president of a state university, who withdrew financial support to the campus newspaper because of its editorial policy, abridged the freedom of the press in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments, the federal appellate court in Richmond ruled.

Student body fees had been used to support publication of the official campus newspaper. However, the editorial comments advocated racial segregation and objected frequently to the school's policy of admitting an increasing number of white students. The federal district court in North Carolina ruled there was no violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments by cutting off financial support but also ruled that the school should permit the publication to continue to be published and distributed on the campus.

On appeal, the appellate court said that censorship of student publications at state-supported institutions cannot be imposed "by suspending the editors, suppressing circulation, requiring imprimatur of controversial articles, excising repugnant material, withdrawing financial support, or asserting any other form of censorial oversight based on the institution's power of the purse." The appeals court did note that students, like others, are forbidden to advocate in such a way as to incite or produce imminent lawless action. "The record contains no proof that the editorial policy of the paper incited harassment, violence, or interference with white students and faculty. At the most, the editorial comments advocated racial segregation contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964," the court added. Also, there was no indication that the paper refused to allow the expression of contrary views.

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Selling subscriptions for college newspapers is an easy job.

Most commercial newspapers do sell subscriptions. Newspapers charge readers 50 to 75 cents per week. After the newsboy or sales contractor, the distribution truckers, keepers, etc., the net income from circulation dwindles. Most seldom receive as much as 25 per cent of their income.

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Selling subscriptions for college newspapers is an even worse plan.

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For example, the Booth newspaper group in Michigan operates eight daily newspapers. These had an operating revenue of \$73,027,974 in 1972. Of this amount only \$16,157,040, or a little more than 22 per cent came from circulation income. (57)

As for the college press, here are two case studies.

Paper A is located in a large university with 40,000 students. It ma. as to sell about 8,000 subscriptions annually. Student subscriptions are 40 cents pe. week or \$6.00 per month or \$12.00 per student per year. (Summer terms are extra.)

Paper B is located in a middle-sized university with 15,000 students. It distrib- utes 14,000 copies daily on campus distribution racks. It receives a student fee al- location of about \$2 per semester or \$4 per year per student. Thus the daily paper in college B cost each student \$8.00 less than the students in college A.

Both papers are well-written and edited. The level of communication value of each paper is excellent. Unfortunately, paper A, no matter how hard it tries, cannot raise the level of circulation. That level has remained at the same percentage for nearly 40 years. Paper B actually serves its campus much better.

This isn't the real tragedy for paper A. Each year it sells about \$100,000 to \$110,000 worth of subscriptions. But to sell, account, service, deliver, and police these subscriptions, paper A has to spend about \$100,000. This leaves a balance of less than \$10,000 to use to produce the paper itself.

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These are actual case studies. Similar data would develop from other comparisons. As a result of the small return from subscription income some papers rely on advertising income only and distribute papers on distribution racks for everyone anyhow. This increased circulation justifies higher ad rates and improves the communicative function of the paper. Such a plan can work only in situations where a large community of retailers need the campus paper to reach a large student enrollment, and if a full-time advertising staff is employed. In middle-sized and small colleges, the advertising-only income plan would not be sufficient.

If student fee allocations are not available, many colleges would have skimpy papers with small circulations. Ambitious staffs turn to sensational content to stir up readership and hopefully to sell a few more subscriptions. This effort has never worked out very effectively for either student or commercial newspapers.

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Alternatives to school subsidization would, of course, include possible incorporation of the publication. While incorporation was not mentioned specifically in the report of the Committee, the entire concept of complete autonomy from university influence was rejected.

The reasons for rejecting separation from the school of the publications included the following:

(1) The institution would suffer by the loss of a valuable learning tool: production of the publications themselves.

(2) Loss of the resultant interchange between students and instructors would further minimize the educational advantage of publications.

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Yearbooks didn't fare much differently than newspapers. The publishing agency cited most often (193 times) was the college. Student government was next at 128. As for the rest:

- 57 colleges confused publishing with printing.
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- 38 said the board of trustees.
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- 18 said students.
- 14 said a corporation.
- 11 listed the journalism department or classes.
- 11 named the college president.
- 8 said a public relations officer.
- 5 believed the yearbook editor was the publisher.
- 4 said the senior class.

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As for laws establishing their publishing agency, 588 colleges knew of none, while 24 said there was a legal basis. No information was available from 15 colleges.

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If incorporation and (or) independence were helpful in organizing student publications, the universities having such a plan should be knowledgeable about publishers. But here are answers from such colleges:

- 41 newspapers indicated the publishing agency was a corporation.
  - 10 newspapers said students were the publishers.
  - 3 newspapers named a publications board or committee.
  - 2 said no one.
  - 2 provided no information.
- Also mentioned were the university, the president, and a private company.
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Colleges generally have not designated anyone to perform these functions. If no one has such a function, whether that person be a student or a college official, it would not be surprising that befuddlement often accompanies the operation of student publications. In any case, the so-called independent-incorporated

asks the journalist if he has a legal justification for his. Legal justifications include truth, qualified privilege. There is no federal libel law; instead, each of the 50 states each state is apt to be different from all the others in so courts, including the Supreme Court, have had to make laws against the superior law of the constitution. A state now made it very difficult for anyone to sue a newspaper. The total effect of libel laws and court decisions are to put the press more so than the appellant. College newspapers do more than do commercial newspapers in libel matters.

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This theoretical discussion of libel and the campus press is not convincing. In practice, hasn't there been a long series of college journalists and administrators have had to face?

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If incorporation and (or) independence were helpful in organizing student publications, the universities having such a plan should be knowledgeable about publishers. But here are answers from such colleges:

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Also mentioned were the university, the president, and a private company.

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Does libel work this way? Not at all.

Libel, of course, is visual defamation. Articles, which hold persons up to public hatred, ridicule, or scorn and have the effect of destroying professional reputations, can be said to be libelous. Libel as it is printed by newspapers is a civil matter—not a criminal one. This means that no agency exists which exercises surveillance over the contents of newspapers to determine if someone should be prosecuted for reputation destroying. The only way a court can consider a libel action occurs when a person who believes he has been illegally abused seeks to recover money damages to compensate for that abuse.

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An examination of the 39 per cent where prior approval was practiced bears some explanation. In 273 colleges the adviser of the newspaper gave prior approval; in 43 cases other persons did so. Advisers generally checked copy for libel, good taste, or legal matters but did not forbid publication of ideas or viewpoints critical of the university. In 42 cases the prior approval system was very weak.

The campus yearbook staff did not have to seek prior approval in 351 colleges, but did have to in 264 colleges. Thus, no prior approval was involved in 57 per cent of the colleges. This lower percentage exists because public colleges apparently split evenly on whether yearbooks should or should not be required to obtain approval of content before publication. In 243 of the colleges the adviser of the yearbook does the prior approval while the yearbook staff has to obtain approval from other persons in seven cases. Once again the level of approval is not necessarily severe; indeed, in 13 colleges it is very weak.

Courts at every level simply do not tolerate actions taken against the campus press as discipline or censorship by college officials. A heavy dossier of cases is building up to indicate censorship is illegal and non-permissible. Here is a review of several recent cases.

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4. *Panarella v. Birenbaum*, 1190 E. 327 NYS 2d 755. (New York Court of Appeals 1971)—A ruling by an appeals court in New York that regulations prohibiting attacks on religion from being published in campus newspapers at state-supported institutions of higher education are unconstitutional, was affirmed by the New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state.

In two separate opinions, which were consolidated on appeal, lower courts had directed two colleges to prevent attacks on religion from appearing in campus publications after some students had complained. The appeals court had found these regulations to be unconstitutional restrictions on freedom of expression in violation of the First Amendment.

In affirming this decision, the New York Court of Appeals said that, in sponsoring a student newspaper, the colleges did not intend to advance or inhibit religion. They merely provided a forum for exchange of ideas, the court continued. "There is no showing that the articles attacking religion were systematic or continuing, or that articles and letters presenting counterattacks were excluded."

In fact, the court concluded, "Use of state monies to support the newspaper does no more to establish a religion or inhibit it, than use of state monies to build auditoriums, to provide police protection for speakers, or to subsidize distribution of literature, including religious proselyting, through the mails. The action of college officials may not be interpreted as an attempt to establish a 'secular religion'; they simply have not spared religion, any more than love of country, from the attack of individuals expressing their own contentions."

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The editor-in-chief of the Hilbert College (Hart) newspaper was cleared Tuesday of charges of "breach of trust" against him for running a Planned Parenthood advertisement.

Dan Hickling, a freshman at the two year co-ed college, was found not guilty of charges leveled by Hilbert College against Edwina Bogel.

Three weeks ago Hilbert's Fourth Estate ran a large advertisement, in part: "Get to know how the two of you do it. Or the three of you. Or the four of you. Or... Planned Parenthood. Choice. Not chance." The ad, a public service advertisement, was approved by the National Advertising Council, quoted statistics saying that all pregnancies each year are accidental."

A week ago Sister Mary Edwina called Mr. Hickling and told him he faced expulsion from school if he ran the newspaper, an apology for running the ad. He told her Edwina told Mr. Hickling the ad was an "attack on the church." She said it was a direct contradiction to the Pope's teaching on birth control and could not appear in a paper bearing the name of Hilbert College.

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13. Women's liberation.

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The commercial press would appreciate such an accolade: Estrin found a wide range of concerns published in the papers. The college press, like the commercial press, was able to tackle anything.

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Journalism is a broad term encompassing all aspects of print media and most aspects of electronic media as well as the theoretical and philosophical bases of such media and their impact on society. This makes for a complex education package.

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Perhaps the first myth related to journalism education is the one of oversimplification.

Journalism is a broad term encompassing all aspects of print media and most aspects of electronic media as well as the theoretical and philosophical bases of such media and their impact on society. This makes for a complex education package.

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Neither of these lists exhaust the fields of journalism. Political journalism, urban journalism, science writing, religious journalism, environmental journalism are other exotic areas enjoying a vogue. There could be more.

Journalism education is somewhat more expensive than some disciplines because writing and editing classes should be small (15 students) and because laboratories replete with printing and electronic equipment are necessary. Publishing or broadcasting is frequently involved.

A few colleges have decided that journalism is such a high level professional and academic area that it should be offered only in graduate levels. A few colleges restrict undergraduate journalism study to the junior and senior years only. Most four-year colleges allow freshmen to take some course work and stretch the journalism curriculum over four years. Several junior colleges have extensive offerings.

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One debate covers the relationship of the journalism education program to campus student publications. Out of this debate comes several myths. They include:

1. College journalism teachers cannot be good advisers because they are too directive because of their pedagogical notions or because they are under the control of the administration.
2. Mock-up publications or infrequently published publications produced in carefully and formally-controlled laboratory situations are better learning experiences than the rowdy informal learning connected with student publications.
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Journalism is concerned at the moment communication occurs. Its efforts are leading to that moment. Journalism deals with the complete act of communication. If no one sees, reads, or hears the product of journalism, the learning experience is rather sterile. Of course, not all courses or sequences of journalism would automatically be involved in publishing. Internships in commercial newspapers are widely used in journalism schools to provide the rowdy learning there.

But are there actual journalism learning values in campus student publications?

The American Society of Journalism School Administrators (an organization of colleges and universities with extensive and sophisticated journalism programs) queried members in 1972 about the relationship between journalism and student publications. (64) Only 13 had exclusive laboratory papers while 29 did not. Thirty-five had a relationship to student newspapers and only four reported they did not.

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President Starcher once again resisted these pressures and, in the process, sought to achieve a better public understanding of the meaning and significance of academic freedom and of the relation between a university and its students. In an address to the North Dakota Farmers Union he observed:

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The recommendations made in the AASCU booklet on the campus press by its author Julius Duschka that immediate, unfunded independence is the best way to manage campus student publications is grandiose. But it is only possible or desirable in fantasy as far as American institutions are concerned.

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Fourteenth, the faculty adviser should also be designated as "publisher" of the publication insofar as he is logically the person best able to conduct the fiscal management functions normally accomplished by an individual serving as publisher. He can be the rallying person providing for the continuity and traditions of each publication. In no case would his service extend to editorial or content control; nor would he be allowed to approve content prior to publication.

Fifteenth, college presidents should not tremble on the threshold of fear that the student publications might publish offensive material. College students are sophisticated beyond shock or stampede. Instead the college president should seize his public relations initiative and responsibility by telling the simple truth: by law the student press is free; philosophically the university has endorsed a free student press as being desirable; and the content of the publications does not represent the position, preference, or performance of the university or its staff or of its students generally.

Sixteenth, the student publication should be asked to carry a statement in each issue indicating it speaks only for the student members of its staff and not for other students or the university.

Seventeenth, the student publications should be encouraged to accept diverse opinions of non-staff students for publication.

Eighteenth, adequate housing and facilities should be available to each student publication on campus.

Nineteenth, student publishing efforts other than the newspaper, yearbook, and magazine, should be free to proceed without administrative interferences. If the newspaper-yearbook-magazine are able to function well there will be surprisingly few efforts for so-called underground publications to develop. If they do, however, no efforts should be made to stop them.

Twentieth, if enough students take enough journalism classes taught by enough qualified journalism teachers, students will produce well-written and well-edited publications. If ideal combinations of the above are not available compensation for them should be made through informal training efforts.

These 20 precepts give valid advice for any university in its student publications program. They will not eliminate all problems, but they will establish an atmosphere for sensible operations. They will help make possible lively, widely-read, well-written and well-edited student publications which will fill effectively the communications vacuum found on many campuses.

And more importantly they ask the university community to recognize, endorse, and live with a vigorous free press. Perhaps no more important or needed lesson can be learned or taught in America in this century.



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**CASE 6.** Oregon State University Barometer reasserts its freedom in dispute with Student Senate.

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**CASE 8.** Flint Community Junior College newspaper, *College Clamor*, goes to court to defend right of student press freedom.

**CASE 9.** University of Florida *Alligator* charged with editorial irresponsibility.

**CASE 10.** Indiana University Daily Student establishes policy guidelines.

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**CASE 26.** Ohio University student charged with criminal libel.

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